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REFER TO FILE: **WM-4**

June 5, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ESTABLISH ECONOMIC VALUE FOR
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES
AWARD CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute a consultant services agreement with The Natelson Company, Inc., to research and develop a methodology for establishing the monetary benefits derived from a watershed enhancement project for a not to exceed fee of \$160,000 to be funded by the Fiscal Year 2002-03 Flood Control District budget and establish the effective date following your Board's approval.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The study is to research and develop a methodology for establishing the monetary value provided by the application of watershed management techniques. This methodology will be useful during the project selection and justification processes when comparing solutions delivered by traditional projects to projects that integrate watershed management techniques. The evaluation of watershed management techniques includes the quality of life enhancements derived from, but not limited to, multiuse projects, wetland creation, habitat creation and preservation, property value

enhancements, flood protection, recreation, landscaping, recycling of green waste/composting, groundwater recharge, improved water and air qualities, and aesthetics.

Public Works is pursuing projects that contain multiuse watershed management techniques that are environmentally sensitive and provide a higher quality of life to citizens of the County of Los Angeles. Establishing the tangible and intangible monetary values for enhancements provided by watershed management techniques in addition to well established traditional benefits delivered by water conservation and flood protection projects is essential for us to be able to fairly compare alternative projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Awarding this consultant services agreement will meet the County Strategic Plan Goal of Organizational Effectiveness and Fiscal Responsibility because these services are not required frequently; The Natelson Company, Inc., has the expertise, experience, and qualifications to perform the required work; and the results of the work will allow Public Works to manage resources in a more efficient and responsible manner.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County's General Fund. Financing for this consultant services agreement is available from the Fiscal Year 2002-03 Flood Control District Fund.

The consultant services agreement is for an aggregate not to exceed fee of \$160,000, including \$6,550 for unforeseen additional work, which may arise during progress of the work. Additional work within this allowance will not be performed without prior written authorization from the Director of Public Works.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A standard consultant services agreement, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, will be used. The standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination, renegotiation, and hiring of qualified displaced County employees will be included.

As requested by your Board on August 12, 1997, and as a threshold requirement for consideration of a contract award, The Natelson Company, Inc., is willing to consider Greater Avenues for Independence Program participants for future employment.

The Natelson Company, Inc., has demonstrated satisfactory compliance with the Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program) and 2.203 (Jury Service Program).

The consultant services agreement also contains provisions requiring the contractor to comply with the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Program and the Safely Surrendered Baby Law.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the consultant services agreement stating that the consultant shall notify its employees and shall require each subconsultant to notify its employees that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

A finding of environmental impact is not required for the award of this consultant services agreement. Any project that may be proposed as a result of these services will undergo the appropriate environmental review.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On June 12, 2002, Public Works issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to 28 firms for the project.

As requested by your Board on February 3, 1998, and to further increase consultant awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, the RFP was also posted or listed on the County's Office of Small Business website. A copy of the website posting is enclosed. Three firms responded to the RFP.

An Evaluation Committee, consisting of Public Works' staff, evaluated the proposals. The evaluation of the firms was based on technical expertise, proposed work plan, experience, personnel qualifications, and understanding of the work requirements. These evaluations were completed without regard to race, creed, color, or gender. Based on the review and evaluation of these proposals, and oral interviews, the Evaluation Committee is recommending The Natelson Company, Inc., as the best qualified firm for this project.

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Participation by Community Business Enterprises (CBE) in the project is encouraged through Public Works' CBE Outreach Program and the requirement that consultants demonstrate their good faith efforts to utilize CBEs. The Natelson Company, Inc., is aware of Public Works' CBE Outreach Program, and their proposed CBE participation is on file with Public Works.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended consultant services.

CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Department of Public Social Services (GAIN)

Award information has not been added at this time.

Bid Information

Bid Number : E0498070
Bid Title : WATERSHED MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES- ESTABLISH ECONOMIC VALUE AND METHODOLOGY
Bid Type : Service
Department : Public Works
Commodity : CONSULTING SERVICES - ANALYTICAL STUDIES AND SURVEYS
Open Date : 6/13/2002
Closing Date : 7/10/2002 5:00 PM
Bid Amount : N/A
Bid Download : Not Available
Bid Description : The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works is inviting proposals from qualified firms to provide Watershed Management Consultant Services to Establish Economic Value for Watershed Management Techniques. The Watershed Management Division requires Consultant Services to research and develop financial/economic justifications and a methodology for establishing the monetary value of watershed management techniques. These include the quality of life enhancements derived from, but not limited to multi-use projects, wetland creation, habitat creation and preservation, property value enhancements, flood protection, recreation, landscaping, recycling of green waste/composting, groundwater recharge, improved water and air qualities and aesthetics.

Proposals must be addressed and submitted to the Department of Public Works, Architectural Engineering Division, 900 South Fremont Avenue, 8th Floor, Alhambra, California 91803, attention Ms. Kathleen Gandara, no later than 5:00 p.m., July 10, 2002. Envelopes should be marked: "Watershed Management Project".

To obtain a copy of the Request for Proposals, E-MAIL YOUR REQUEST, INCLUDE ADDRESS AND PHONE, PLEASE DO NOT PHONE, kgandara@ladpw.org.

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